

Lessons From II Chronicles

Solomon's Life

(II Ch 1:1)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning,
 - a. Greeting...
2. Due to not being satisfied with the sermon that was intended for today we are going to depart from our series on "Bring Back To Remembrance" for this week.
 - a. From time to time some sermons simply need a bit more time than anticipated and this happens to be the case here.
3. Now, don't get to excited and think I have nothing to preach on...
 - a. As a preacher I have plenty of "backup" sermons!!!
4. Today, in fact, we are going to be looking at Solomon's life and some of the great lessons we can gain from it.
 - a. Solomon, David's son by Bathsheba, is a great and very well-known biblical individual.
 - i. He was the third king of Israel.
 1. He had expanded the kingdom to its greatest heights.
 - ii. He was inspired by God to write several books of the Bible.
 1. Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
 - iii. He was the first to build God a Temple.
 1. David gathered the supplies but Solomon built it.
 - iv. He had the greatest amount of earthly wisdom of any man to live.
5. In all this there is much to learn from Solomon's life.
 - a. Let us examine our lessons for today.

I. Solomon Was Given Wisdom (1)

- A. Wisdom Defined
 1. Biblical wisdom is the fear of the LORD.
 - i. **Jb 28:28** "...Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom..."¹
 2. The fear of the LORD is...
 - i. Learning God's Word and living by it, thus gaining wisdom and comfort in it.
 - a. **Ps 34:11; Pr 1:7; Ps 111:10; Ac 9:31; Pr 23:17; Pr 14:26**
- B. Solomon increased in biblical wisdom and so should we
 1. Solomon was...
 - i. Wise enough to ask for "more" wisdom.
 - a. **II Ch 1:10** "Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can govern this people of yours, which is so great?"
 - ii. Granted an "increase" in his wisdom.
 - a. **II Ch 1:12** "wisdom and knowledge are granted to you..."

¹ All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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2. We are...
 - i. Expected to gain biblical wisdom.
 - a. **Co 1:9** “And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding”
 - ii. Expected to increase in biblical wisdom.
 - a. **Ja 1:5** “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.”
- C. Solomon lost his biblical wisdom seeking earthly wisdom and so can we
 1. Solomon allowed others to influence him away from biblical wisdom.
 - i. **Ne 13:26** “Did not Solomon king of Israel sin on account of such women? Among the many nations there was no king like him, and he was beloved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless, foreign women made even him to sin.”
 2. We can also allow others to influence us away from biblical wisdom and into early wisdom.
 - i. Earthly wisdom is not from above.
 - a. **Ja 3:15** “This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.”
 - b. **I Co 1:20** “Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?”
 - ii. Early wisdom will spiritually destroy the child of God.
 - a. **I Co 9:27** “But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.”
 - b. **Ep 6:24** “Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.”
 1. **I Jn 2:15** “Do not love the world or the things in the world...”
- D. Thus...
 1. If we are not striving to be biblically wise and increase in such wisdom we will, like Solomon, sin and fall short of the glory of God.

II. Solomon Built The Temple (2-4)

- A. Solomon, though not the architect of the temple, built the temple of God
 1. He prepared with purpose and planning.
 - i. **II Ch 2**
 2. He then built it up.
 - i. **II Ch 3**
 3. He afterwards furnished it.
 - i. **Ch 4**
 4. Lastly he completed or finished it.
 - i. **II Ch 5**

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- B. Christians are to complete the temple of God today
1. Christians today are the temple of God.
 - i. **I Co 6:19** “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own”
 2. Though we are not the architects we are expected to build and complete it.
 - i. Christians must prepare and plan for the build.
 - a. **Jb 11:13** “If you prepare your heart, you will stretch out your hands toward him.”
 - b. **Er 7:10** “For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.” (NKJV)
 - c. **Lk 14:27-28** “Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?”
 - ii. Christians must build up the temple of God.
 - a. It starts with the foundation.
 1. **I Pt 2:2** “Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation”
 2. **I Co 3:2** “I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready”
 - b. It is “built” when the construction is over.
 1. **He 5:14** “But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.”
 2. **He 6:1** “Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity...”
 - iii. Christians must furnish the temple of God.
 - a. Once God’s temple is built in us we then must furnish that temple.
 1. **Co 3:12-17** “READ”

C. Thus...

1. There is a process and pattern by which God expects us to follow to become fully mature Christians living a Christ-like life and if we deviate from that process and pattern we will fall short of the glory of God.

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III. Solomon Fell Asleep (9)

- A. Solomon, like most everyone else, died
 - 1. **II Ch 9:31** “And Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David his father, and Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.”
- B. Like Solomon, most everyone will die and thus must prepare this life for the next.
 - 1. Solomon, by all accounts, doesn’t appear to have finished his life walking in the light of God.
 - i. **I Ki 11:9-10** “And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice 10 and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods. But he did not keep what the LORD commanded.”
 - 2. Unlike Solomon we are to prepare for eternity by walking in the light of God.
 - i. **Jn 8:12** “...I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
 - ii. **I Jn 1:7** “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”
 - iii. **Ep 5:8-11** “for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.”
- C. Thus...
 - 1. We cannot escape death (**He 9:27**) outside of Christ’s return therefore we better make sure we do not fall asleep (die) unfaithful to God (**He 11:6**) but rather as a faithful child (**Rv 2:10**).

CONCLUSION

- 1. Brethren let us increase crease in wisdom, let us mature in wisdom, let us continually fight the good fight of faith and receive one day that crown of life.
 - a. Let us learn from the life of Solomon and take the good and reject the bad.
- 2. Question: Are you mimicking Solomon’s righteousness or his unrighteousness?
 - a. My prayer is that you mimic those faithful attributes and reject the sin.

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3. Invitation

- a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
 - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Have Faith In Jesus **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**